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The Milford Cemetery Association

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Raymond C. Scholl - Superintendent

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Re; Proposed Bill #5138

To: Select Committee on Veterans's Affairs

Presently I serve as the President of The Connecticut Cemetery Association, which has approximately 130 Members. Cemeteries throughout the state consist of those with large acreage that have boards, fully staffed with office personal and grounds crew. Others are what we consider medium size cemeteries that still have boards, office staff and those that take care of the grounds and others that are small that may have one individual that handles all the burials, maintenance and upkeep.

Please bear in mind that regardless of the type of cemetery be it a large corporation, town owned, a small church cemetery or run by a volunteer. All of these have the same issues when it comes to its upkeep.

Memorial day is a special day for those that have the utmost respect the those that have served in the military. Cemeteries throughout the state need to complete the cleanup from the spring season. This final week prior to the weekend of Memorial Day is vital to the upkeep of the cemetery grounds.

Serving as the superintendent of The Milford Cemetery Association for the past twenty five years I have updated the veterans list, Which is used for flag placement, and observed the three cemeteries being decorated by the local veterans group. This flag placements has always been accomplished on the Saturday before Memorial Day because of the coordinated efforts by these groups.

I ask that you not allow this bill to pass.

Respectfully

Raymond. C. Scholl